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SUBJECT: SOWETO LEADERS SEEK OWN LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. THE JOHANNESBURG DAILY FOR BLACK READERS, "THE WORLD", REPORTED JUNE 28 THAT, IN THE WAKE OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOWETO URBAN BANTU COUNCIL (UBC) (JOHANNESBURG 1452), A GROUP OF SOWETO LEADERS HAD MET JUNE 27 TO SELECT A COMMITTEE "TO LOOK INTO THE DETAILS OF A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO RUN THE AFFAIRS OF THE TOWNSHIP". THE GROUP, WHICH MET AT THE OFFICES OF "THE WORLD", RESOLVED TO REJECT RELIANCE ON GOVERNMENT-CREATED INSTITUTIONS. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, PRESENT WERE "LEADING MEMBERS" OF S.A. STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (SASO), BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC), SOWETO STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SSRC), AND "MANY OTHER LEADING BLACKS".

2. THE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF:

DR. NTHATO HARRISON MOTLANA (CHAIRMAN)--MEDICAL DOCTOR,
PROMINENT CIVIC LEADER, MEMBER OF BPA.

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V.L. KRAAI-- BUSINESSMAN

L.M. MATHABATHE--PRINCIPAL OF MORRIS ISAACSON HIGH SCHOOL,
FY-74 IV GRANTEE.

LEONARD MOSALA--FORMER UBC MEMBER, SENIOR IBM EMPLOYEE.

THEMBA MAZIBUKO (RECORDING SECRETARY)--A PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL.

TOM MANTHATA--BPC LEADER.

MRS. ELLEN KHUZWAYO--WITS UNIVERSITY SOCIOLOGY LECTURER,
FORMER GENERAL-SECRETARY OF TRANSVAAL REGION YWCA.
REV. MAYATHULA--BPC LEADER.
RAYMOND LOLWANE--BUSINESSMAN.
ERNEST RAMOKGOPA--NALEDI HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER.
AGGREY KLAASTE (RECORDING SECRETARY)--POLITICAL REPORTER FOR
"THE WORLD".

3. AMONG THE OTHER PERSONALITIES PRESENT WERE: SSRC PRESIDENT
TROFOMO "GORDON" SONO, FORMER UBC MEMBER AND PROMINENT
SOWETO BUSINESSMAN RICHARD MAPONYA, FORMER UBC ADVISORY
BOARD MEMBER G.G. XOSILE, FORMER UBC CHAIRMAN AND NEW SOWETO
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION HEAD PETER LENGENE.

4. EDITOR OF "THE WORLD" PERCY QOBOZA TOLD US HIS PAPER
ORGANIZED THE MEETING. HE CHARACTERIZED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
AS HIGHLY RESPECTED AND REPRESENTATIVE OF A WIDE SPECTRUM
OF OPINION. WITH "DYNAMIC" NTHATO MOTLANA AS CHAIRMAN, HE
SAID, THE COMMITTEE COULD BECOME A POTENT POLITICAL FORCE.

5. WHETHER THIS INITIATIVE, WITH WIDELY-RESPECTED MOTLANA
LEADING IT, WILL ATTAIN THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE REMAINS
TO BE SEEN. REFLECTING THE STRONG INCLINATION IN SOWETO TO
REJECT SUCH SAG-CREATED INSTITUTIONS AS THE UBC AND THE STILL-
TO-BE-CREATED COMMUNITY COUNCILS PROVIDED FOR IN RECENT
LEGISLATION (CAPE TOWN A-40) THIS MOVE IS BUT THE MOST RECENT
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OF SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY SOWETO LEADERS TO FIND WAYS OF TAKING
CHARGE THEMSELVES OF THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFAIRS. CG JOHANNESBURG
WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS.
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